

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE SERVICE AND THE MEMORY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER PVT. JAMES ANDERSON

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and the memory of Revolutionary War Soldier James Anderson, Sr. of Buncombe County, North Carolina.

On Sunday, November 11, 2012 in the Western North Carolina town of Mars Hill, the memory of Private James Anderson, Sr., a Patriot and Revolutionary War Soldier, was honored by the dedication of hallowed ground and his final resting place. The ceremony was conducted by descendants of Pvt. Anderson, and honored guests, members of the Edward Buncombe Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of The American Revolution.

Private Anderson was a true American Patriot and a proud North Carolinian. He served under Captain James Bonnell Company which was part of Spencers New Jersey Regiment under Major General John Sullivan. James Anderson Sr. was engaged for service on June 26th, 1778 and served 159 days at the rank of Private.

It is with great respect that I commend and remember this brave soldier who joined hands with countless other patriots to achieve American independence. I hope that today's generation of young men and women will follow the shining example of patriotism and dedication to freedom modeled by Pvt. James Anderson and other Revolutionary War heroes.

### CONGRATULATING THE 2012 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

#### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Mr. Stark, Mr. Carney, and Mr. Holt, to recognize the fine academic accomplishments of four of our constituents who were awarded gold medals at the International Biology Olympiad held in Singapore in July 2012. Nikhil Buduma of Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose, CA; Jing "Raymond" Liu of Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, CA; Lei "Jerry" Ding of the Charter School of Wilmington, DE; and Kevin Ma of East Brunswick High School in East Brunswick, NJ competed against secondary students from over 59 countries in this prestigious international competition.

These talented students began their journey in the USA Biology Olympiad, which aims to enhance the life sciences education of nearly 10,000 students annually across the United States each year. The competition provides the motivation, curricular resources, and skills training to take them beyond their classroom experience and enhances their adaptability, inventiveness, creativity and collaboration in this content area.

After being selected among the twenty finalists, they participated in a residential training program at Purdue University where they learned advanced biological concepts and exacting laboratory skills and earned the right to represent the United States at the International Biology Olympiad.

We congratulate and salute these fine young students and commend their accomplishments in the biological sciences. We look forward to reading about their future contributions to our society and to the international community.

### HONORING MAJOR EDWARD (ED) KENNEDY

#### HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous respect and gratitude that I rise to honor MAJ Edward (Ed) Kennedy, United States Army, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major Kennedy has recently moved on from his assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison to the House of Representatives to become a Battalion Operations Officer in the 3rd Infantry Division.

A native of Danbury, Connecticut, Major Kennedy graduated from the United States Military Academy in May of 2000 and was commissioned in the Infantry Branch. After his first assignment as an Infantry Platoon Leader in Hawaii, he commanded both Infantry and Armor units in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, TX. During that time he deployed once in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, and twice in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In July 2009, Major Kennedy was selected for the highly competitive Joint Chiefs of Staff Internship program. During the internship, he earned a Master's degree at Georgetown University, and then served a one year tour on the Joint Staff as the Action Officer for the Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with principle focus on Warrior and Family Support. His next year was spent on the Army Staff as a Congressional Liaison to the United States House of Representatives working for the Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison.

Mr. Speaker, it was during his assignment as a Congressional Liaison that I had the

honor of getting to know this great patriot personally. It has been a true pleasure and privilege to work closely with Major Kennedy during the 112th Session of Congress.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues in recognizing and commending Major Kennedy for his meritorious service to our country. For all that he and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are forever in their debt. But for the courageous service of our Nation's heroic military personnel such as Major Kennedy and the selflessness of military families such as his, the unparalleled freedoms and security that I and all Americans enjoy every day would not be. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I extend heartiest best wishes to Major Kennedy, his wife Jacey, and his daughter Katelyn as they continue on their journey of service.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NATHAN B. "NAT" HENRY

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SSgt. Nathan B. "Nat" Henry, U.S. Army, (Ret.) for his service to our country and the sacrifices he has endured. A lifelong resident of Macon County, North Carolina, Henry left the peace and tranquility of Western North Carolina to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Facing overwhelming odds, Henry survived a battle in the infamous Ia Drang Valley in 1967. His subsequent capture by enemy forces, however, left him in North Vietnamese prison camps until Operation Homecoming in 1973. His nearly six years in captivity holds the unenviable distinction of being one of the longest serving prisoners of the Vietnam War. Along with numerous other medals, Henry is the recipient of two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Henry served his country valiantly during the war and has continued to show dedication to his country and community since. Upon returning home to his community, Henry continued in the path of service by serving as an original member of the Burningtown Volunteer Fire Department. Additionally, remaining ever steadfast in his commitment to the veterans community in Macon County, he continues to be active in almost all veteran-related activities in the area including serving as both President and Chairman for the Smoky Mountain Vietnam Veterans Chapter 994.

Mr. Speaker, today I offer thanks from a grateful nation for SSgt. Nathan B. "Nat" Henry's (Ret.) distinguished service and sacrifice. It is service such as Henry's that allows us to continue to enjoy the freedom that he fought to protect.

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IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 6190 "THE ASTHMA INHALERS RELIEF ACT OF 2012"

## HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 6190, the Asthma Inhalers Relief Act, introduced by Congressman BURGESS. This legislation would authorize the distribution and sale of one million asthma inhalers that use over-the-counter epinephrine, named Primatene Mist. This product was sold in aerosol canisters containing CFC's, or chlorofluorocarbons. CFC products have been banned under the Clean Air Act and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Consequently, this legislation is opposed by many organizations because it involves the widespread use of a CFC product.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with Ranking Member WAXMAN as well as with the American Lung Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other national public health organizations in opposition to this bill. I strongly believe in ensuring affordable, quality health care options for all Americans who suffer from asthma; however, I am opposed to legislation that would undermine our commitment to international treaty and that would continue to deplete the ozone. There are safer and more effective ways of safeguarding public health. One way to do this is for Congress to take up and pass H.R. 6284, the Breath of Fresh Air Act, which I introduced earlier this year.

Across the United States, nearly 25 million people have been diagnosed with asthma, including 7 million children. This serious disease impacts every district in every state, and its effects are far-reaching. I have been particularly concerned with the issue of asthma, especially as it affects my home district in California. The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles operate within and near the 37th Congressional District, and if left unregulated, the California Air Resources Board estimates that the ports will be the largest source of pollution in the state by 2020 greater than the impact of every car on the road in California. The neighborhoods of Los Angeles and Long Beach rank as one of the U.S. cities most polluted by Particle Pollution.

Low-income and minority communities are disproportionately affected by this chronic respiratory disease, and their health outcomes are likely to be worse. For instance, the Environmental Protection Agency reports that black children are twice as likely to be hospitalized and four times as likely to die from asthma as white children. Low-income and minority communities also disproportionately live in areas afflicted with high levels of air pollution, allergens, and other environmental factors that trigger asthma attacks. They may also have limited resources to direct toward asthma management or to deal with the financial challenges of medical bills and missed days at school and work.

Authorizing the sale of epinephrine will not address the challenges that asthma patients face. National health organizations have repeatedly issued expert guidelines that advise patients on how to manage their asthma, and none of them recommend the use of over-the-counter medications. In addition, Primatene

Mist has been banned since December 31, 2011. This means that patients have already transitioned away from this medicine and have been using alternative medications for almost a full year. A temporary reversal of this ban would be confusing to patients and would not provide them with a sound long-term plan for asthma management. In fact, the only group that stands to profit from such a reversal is the manufacturing company, not asthma patients.

I do agree with Congressman BURGESS when he says that Congress must be on the side of asthma patients, and I am working hard to make sure that Americans have access to quality and timely care. That is why in August, I introduced H.R. 6284, the Breath of Fresh Air Act, which has been endorsed by the Allergy & Asthma Network/Mothers of Asthmatics. This legislation would establish a grant program to make funds available to elementary and secondary schools to purchase nebulizers. A nebulizer is an extremely easy-to-use medical device that delivers medicine in the form of a mist directly to the person's lungs. Oftentimes it is the best remedy for young children who may not cooperate in their time of distress. By making these devices available at local schools and treating symptoms as soon as they present themselves, we can take significant steps toward reducing the number of asthma-related emergency room visits each year.

Mr. Speaker, it is critical that Americans who suffer from asthma have access to life-saving medications and health care. I am glad to see Congress recognize the challenges that Americans with asthma face, and it is my hope that we can continue making this a legislative priority. I urge my colleagues to vote no on H.R. 6190 and instead support the Breath of Fresh Air Act and other legislation that directly improves the lives of asthma patients without sacrificing environmental standards.

## HONORING SARAH WARRICK

## HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor several of the volunteers who have served in my district office over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and these volunteers have assisted my staff in providing the excellent assistance so many have come to expect from our district. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

These volunteers have always treated our constituents with the utmost respect and always made sure their needs were met in a timely fashion. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship they have shown to me during my years of service in Congress.

Sarah Warrick volunteered on my campaigns and served as an intern in my Washington, DC, office on multiple occasions. Through her many years of involvement, Sarah has proven to be a hard working and committed public servant to the people of the 11th District. She and her family have been

among my most steadfast supporters from the beginning, and I am thankful for their loyalty and friendship.

Sarah has been a standout in my office and an important part of my team over the years. She has a bright future ahead of her regardless of what career path she chooses to take.

Sarah should be proud of the service she has provided to our district and country. It has been an honor to serve with Sarah and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Sarah and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Sarah Warrick for her hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

## HONORING TUNICA 10 POINT COALITION, INC. FOR THEIR CONTINUED SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Tunica 10 Coalition, Inc. Established in 2004, the Tunica 10 Coalition has been working tirelessly within their community to address important issues and start improving the quality of life.

The Tunica 10 Point Coalition has attended many strategic conferences and worked closely with the Memphis 10 Point Coalition to ensure they developed smart initiatives and projects to tackle the problems in their community.

After working closely on the ground with the influential civic and social leaders of Tunica County, the coalition has come up with a structure built to address the needs of the residents, with the youth being at the forefront of their efforts.

The Tunica 10 Point Coalition has blossomed into a well organized group with zone leaders throughout the community bringing support wherever it is needed. The coalition has also widened its scope of services to include health and wellness in an effort to combat obesity and other health related issues. Tunica 10 Coalition has never stepped away from their goal of "Working Together to Make a Difference".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Tunica 10 Point Coalition in their continued dedication towards developing the lives of the people of Tunica County, Mississippi.

## HONORING SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

## HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise small business owners and employees who contribute so much to their local communities. Through the Small Business Saturday

event to be held on November 24th, 2012, people around the country will demonstrate their appreciation for the businesses that make their communities unique.

The days following Thanksgiving have become a time of windfall sales revenue for many retail businesses. In the past, however, small businesses without large advertising budgets have not seen the same success as their larger counterparts. In 2010, Small Business Saturday was created to encourage consumers to utilize their local vendors. I commend the communities that participate every year and especially those who will begin this year.

This will be the first year the Village of Oak Lawn formally participates in Small Business Saturday. Thanks to the work of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Saturday Oak Lawn will no doubt be a hugely successful event, highlighting the local flavor that these establishments provide. A trolley will shuttle shoppers along Oak Lawn's bustling 95th Street to visit the various businesses and the village will simultaneously hold its annual Santa on the Green for local youth. This is a great event not only for Oak Lawn businesses but also for residents of the village and surrounding communities.

Small businesses represent the hopes and dreams of so many hard working and creative entrepreneurs, and have long been the backbone of the American economy. The individuals who create and work at small businesses represent half of all private sector American jobs and generate over 60% of the new jobs in our recovering economy. In many cities and villages, small businesses are what keep Main Street communities alive and thriving. Such vendors are best suited to cater to the unique needs of these small and distinctive towns, and so our continued support is more important than ever.

Please join me in honoring those who have worked hard to start Small Business Saturday around the country and of course the small businesses that make it all possible. May the event be a resounding success.

## 2012 WINGS OVER HOUSTON, TEXAS

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize a unique event in the state of Texas that attracts more than 85,000 people from Houston and around the globe. The Wings Over Houston Airshow showcases the best of American aerial military might in a thrilling display of everything from vintage World War II aircraft to the marvels of modern aviation.

A non-profit event produced by a collaborative volunteer effort of the Gulf Coast Wing and West Houston Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force, this year's Wings Over Houston Airshow dazzled the crowds with several new additions, including the U.S. Air Force's newest fighter aircraft, the F-22 Raptor, the U.S. Marine Corp MV-22 Osprey demonstration and the Air National Guard

Flash Fire Jet Truck. The biggest feature this year was the Navy's Blue Angels, which is the second oldest flying aerobatic team. They impressed bystanders with their daring and impressive routines, at one point even flying only 18 inches from each other during their four-jet Diamond Formation.

For 28 years, Wings Over Houston has benefited a variety of nonprofit organizations and charities. This year's air show benefitted the Wings Over Houston Airshow Scholarship Program, Aviation Career Education Academy, Exchange Club of Sugar Land, Westchase Rotary Club and the Commemorative Air Force aircraft restoration and flying historical programs.

As a spectacular aerial show and an impressive charitable community effort, the Wings Over Houston Airshow inspires both charity and patriotism in Houstonians and all Americans. It's a significant part of Texas history, as the event conserves a little piece of our military's aviation history and ensures that it'll be around for years to come.

And that's just the way it is.

## IN TRIBUTE TO ARNIE GODMINTZ

### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Mr. Arnie Godmintz, an activist and well-known Sacramento community leader who passed away on October 4th. Arnie was a prominent progressive leader in the Sacramento region, and his death leaves a great void in the community. As his family and friends gather to honor and remember his life, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting a committed and well-respected figure in Sacramento.

Arnie led a fascinating life, devoted to fighting for progressive causes. Most of his work was done on his own free time and focused on the rights of the underserved and needy. Arnie's roots in activism began at a young age. After earning an economics degree from Harvard University, he worked as an organizer for auto workers. He later worked for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs encouraging companies to find work for unemployed American Indians on reservations in Arizona and New Mexico.

Arnie had to go through a lot to help those whose voices were often unheard. At one time, during the civil rights movement, Arnie was arrested while driving supplies to "freedom schools" for African-American children in the South. His advocacy led him to the same location where FBI agents discovered the bodies of murdered activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner. Those events became a part of Arnie, deeply affecting him and became his motivation to continue to advocate for the less privileged. Throughout all of his efforts, Arnie stayed humble and never spoke about himself, although he was always a passionate advocate for the underdog and often unpopular causes.

Arnie was also greatly involved in local politics, donating his time, energy and enthusiasm

for causes near to his heart. He was a leader in the Sacramento County Democratic Party, often organizing meetings and coordinating campaign events. He donated his time, marched at rallies, worked phone banks and walked door to door for issues he believed would improve our country.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the numerous contributions made by Mr. Arnie Godmintz during his lifetime of service to the people of Sacramento and our Nation. As his family and friends gather to honor his wonderful legacy and countless contributions, I am honored to pay tribute to him. I ask all my colleagues to pause and join me in paying respect to an extraordinarily loving man, Arnie Godmintz.

## HONORING MYRNA CAMPBELL

### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my staff is second to none in providing the best assistance to everyone in our District. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Each District Staff member has shown a strong sense of dedication in meeting the needs of each and every one of our constituents. They often go well beyond the call to make sure each constituent is treated fairly and respectfully by our government agencies and that they receive appropriate resolution. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Myrna Campbell was among the first individuals to join me on the campaign trail and to serve as a member of my original District staff team. Myrna has been a steady force in making sure no constituent or issue ever slips through the cracks of bureaucracy. Her organizational skills and commitment to excellence on the job have served as a model for all of our staff. The words "commitment" and "dependable" immediately come to mind when I think of Myrna's work ethic.

It is no secret that Myrna is the glue that holds our District operation together. Myrna is loved and revered by her colleagues, and anyone who has ever worked with her can attest to her loyalty and kindness.

Myrna should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with her and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Myrna and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Myrna Campbell for her hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

ACCELERATING END TO  
AFGHANISTAN WAR**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, as we gather back in Washington for the first time since the election, it is important that we work to resolve the questions that cannot wait until the new 113th Congress is sworn in. President Obama will soon be meeting with his military advisors and considering various plans in Afghanistan. My Republican colleague Walter Jones and I will be sending a letter to the President renewing our call for an accelerated withdrawal from Afghanistan.

I encourage all Members to join us on this letter. Keeping our troops in Afghanistan through 2014 will not bring about a meaningful difference on the ground.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we catch up with the American people who are calling for an accelerated end to the war in Afghanistan.

Let's bring our troops home, end the war in Afghanistan, and invest in jobs and nation-building here at home.

IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND DIVI-  
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FICER OF THE YEAR, PATROL  
OFFICER DANIEL L. BAILLIS**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Patrol Officer Daniel L. Baillis, the Cleveland Division of Police 2012 Police Officer of the Year.

Officer Baillis is a lifelong resident of Cleveland, Ohio who attended Cleveland Public Schools and graduated from Lincoln West High School. He studied Applied Sciences/Law Enforcement at Cuyahoga Community College where he earned an Associate's Degree. He also studied at Cleveland State University.

On July 23, 1979, Patrol Officer Daniel L. Baillis began his career as a Cleveland police officer in the 5th District, where he spent his entire 33-year career. Officer Baillis served on the Basic Patrol, Vice and Strike Force units and spent nearly 20 years as a detective in the Strike Force Unit. Officer Baillis retired from the Cleveland Police Department on August 2, 2012.

The Cleveland Division of Police's Police Officer of the Year award is bestowed upon an officer who demonstrates an outstanding devotion to duty, and consistently performs to the highest degree, beyond standards established by their peers. Police Officer of the Year is not Officer Baillis' first honor. He has previously been awarded the Medal of Honor, three Distinguished Service Medals, four special commendations, two Chief's Commendations and the Rotary Club Valor Award.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Patrol Officer Daniel L. Baillis on being named the 2012 Cleveland Division of Police Officer of the Year.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF  
THE TOWN OF HAYESVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the town of Hayesville, located in Clay County North Carolina surrounded by mountains and views of the Hiwassee River, Tusquitee Bald, Nantahala Forest and other picturesque scenery of Western North Carolina.

Hayesville has been the active center of Clay County since it was established in the 1800s. In 1860 George Hayes ran for a seat in the North Carolina House of Commons on a platform for creating a new county from the neighboring boundaries of Cherokee and Macon Counties. After his election, Rep. Hayes introduced a bill in February 1861 to establish Clay County and later received recognition for his efforts when Hayesville was named in his honor.

Small communities flourished as more settlers moved into the hills and valleys along streams and rivers of Clay County. The County Courthouse was constructed in 1888 on a knoll overlooking scenic mountain valleys as a center of commerce surrounded by a bank, hotel, churches, Tiger's Store and other merchants that formed a village square and the only town in Clay County. Finally in March of 1913, fifty years after the county was established, Hayesville was officially recognized as an "incorporated town" and County Seat of Clay County.

Hayesville continued to be the central mark of the county as roads were built and neighboring farmers would let others know they were making a trip to town and offered to bring back supplies. Eventually the population grew and Hayesville became a flourishing small town reflecting North Carolina mountain culture, hometown values and rural area accomplishments with Appalachian and Americana flavor that continues today.

The historic Courthouse Square is still the center of activity and a special public gathering will be held in March 2013 at Town Hall in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the designation of the town of Hayesville as the County Seat of Clay County. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in Hayesville's Centennial recognition and contributions to our national heritage and the great state of North Carolina.

RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHERN  
ISRAEL AND GAZA**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my fears about the events occurring in southern Israel and Gaza. Last Saturday, Hamas-affiliated militias began firing rockets from Gaza into Israel. These attacks, directed at Israeli civilians, are acts of war. Israel has every right and a solemn duty to protect her citizens. The rocket attacks have continued all

week, and yesterday, three Israeli civilians were killed in an attack on Kiryat Malakhi.

Regrettably, Israel was forced to take a necessary and appropriate step in defending her citizens by launching an offensive against Palestinian militants in Gaza. During the attacks, Israeli defense forces killed the military commander of Hamas in an air strike. Israel has clearly told those who kill the innocent that Israel will use whatever force necessary to protect her citizens.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Israel live in constant fear of rocket attacks from Gaza. In 2009, I visited the Israeli village of Sderot that borders on Gaza. I'll never forget talking to an Israeli mother who is always within arm's reach of her young children. Any time the air raid sirens scream a warning of an incoming barrage of rockets, she must be ready to grab her children and take cover in the family's bomb shelter. This has to be done within seconds or her family may be killed.

Mr. Speaker, the United States must continue to fully support Israel's right to defend herself against the constant threat of terrorist attacks by Hamas from Gaza. This is also a critically important moment for Egypt to step up as a responsible mediator to end the violence. The new Egyptian government has a chance to show its acceptance of the 1979 peace treaty. It is their choice, but whatever they decide, America will stand firmly beside our ally Israel.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 80TH  
BIRTHDAY OF JANE SHEATS**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jane Sheats on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Born and raised in Northeast Ohio, Mrs. Sheats is a lifelong resident of the Glenville area. Upon graduating from John Hay High School, she immediately began working as a clerk with the Internal Revenue Service. Mrs. Sheats began her role with Cleveland's Democratic Party in 1965 when she began her ten-year tenure as a Precinct Committeeman for Cleveland's Ward 20.

In 1975, Mrs. Sheats was appointed as a Board Member of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party. In 1976, she became the first African American woman in the U.S. to chair a county board of elections. Her public service continued in 1983, when she was appointed Regional Manager Cleveland Region of the Ohio Lottery Commission; she was later re-appointed in 1991 by Former Governor Voinovich. Ultimately, Mrs. Sheats served as Regional Manager for 12 years. In 1999, she came out of retirement to serve as a Deputy Clerk in the City of Cleveland's Clerk of Courts.

In addition to her long career in the public sector, Mrs. Sheats has been a selfless leader in her community. She was a longtime trustee and corporate board member of the Ohio Motorist Association, a Sunday School teacher at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church and the first woman to chair the Glenville YMCA Board of Managers.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the life of Jane Sheats and wishing her a joyous 80th birthday.

**RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDERS OF  
OUTSMART OFFICE SOLUTIONS,  
GEORGE PIEPER AND DAWN  
ACKERMAN**

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the founders of OutSmart Office Solutions, George Pieper and Dawn Ackerman, for being honored with the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce's 2012 LGBT Supplier of the Year Award. George and Dawn have dedicated themselves and their careers to creating and strengthening an economy that fosters equality for all people.

George and Dawn founded OutSmart Office Solutions in 2007. They brought a combined twenty-three years of experience to provide office products that are environmentally sustainable and built a business that expands opportunities for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender business owners.

As a certified Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender-owned Business Enterprise (LGBTBE), OutSmart Office Solutions partnered with Office Depot to distribute office furniture and supplies. Office Depot's Tier One Supplier Diversity Partnership enables OutSmart Office Solutions to provide the highest quality products and top-notch service to corporations and individuals while promoting workplace diversity.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize George Pieper and Dawn Ackerman. Businesses like OutSmart Office Solutions play a vital role in stimulating our economy and ensuring equality for all members of our communities.

**HONORING BRUCE PETERSON**

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Bruce Peterson served as my first District Director. In this key role, Bruce was the driving force behind establishing every detail of our district operation. Bruce's knowledge of local government and officials proved invaluable as we developed relationships and methods for providing top-notch services to folks across western North Carolina. Bruce used his extensive background as a school administrator to help develop the excellent constituent services that our office has been recognized for during these past six years of service.

Bruce should be proud of the service he has provided to our district and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Bruce and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Bruce Peterson for his hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

**A TRIBUTE TO THE SACRAMENTO  
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS  
LEAGUE**

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, and congratulate the chapter as they celebrate their 17th annual community awards dinner.

Through their long history, the Sacramento JACL has been dedicated to advancing the civil rights of all Americans, deterring hate crimes across the Nation, and helping to lead the Japanese-American community to social and economic equality. On Thursday, November 15, 2012, the Sacramento Japanese American Citizens League will host its 17th annual community awards dinner.

During the dinner, the Sacramento JACL will honor: the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, one of the oldest Japanese-American congregations in Northern California; the Sacramento Senator Lions Club, a civic organization that provides its members with opportunities to serve the community through fundraising and hands-on projects; and the Sakura Minyo Doo Koo Kai, a troupe that performs traditional Japanese folk song and dance. These three organizations and their members have worked diligently to serve the community, teach others about the history of Japanese-Americans, and help preserve the Japanese culture. They stand as organizations that truly embrace the dinner's theme of "Bunka Isan," helping the community honor the lives of their ancestors and celebrating their own lives as Americans.

During the dinner, the Sacramento JACL will also honor my friend and colleague, California Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada. Mariko has dedicated her life to serving the public in many capacities: working as an investigator for the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office for Civil Rights; as a member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors; and now representing her constituents in the California State Assem-

bly. She has had tremendous success in the California Assembly, passing landmark bills that imposed greater criminal penalties on assailants that abuse the elderly and disabled, provided increased housing and employment opportunities for our veterans, and reformed government policies to protect consumers from negligence and fraud. Mariko has made California and our Nation a better place for all, and is truly worthy of tonight's honoring.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby recognize and commend the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and their honorees for their continued service to Sacramento, California and our Nation. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing them continued success and support as they work to protect the civil rights of all our citizens, and preserve the history of Japanese-Americans.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on November 15, 2012, and missed rollcall votes 605, 606, and 607. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 605, 606, and 607.

**HONORING ERIN "DOTY" GEORGES**

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

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My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship they have shown me during my six years of service in the Congress.

A very special thank you goes to Erin "Doty" Georges, who is the longest serving staff member in my Washington, D.C. office and has been a member of my team since day one. After contributing to my first campaign's victory, Erin took on a number of portfolios and responsibilities in my Washington office, excelling at each and eventually rising to the influential position of Legislative Director. Erin has served as a trusted advisor on a broad range of issues, but none more so than health care policy. In this, Erin is regarded as one the best and most capable among her

colleagues, and her expertise was critical to my active participation in the great health care reform debate of 2008.

As Legislative Director, Erin has done an outstanding job leading and mentoring the legislative staff, all of whom hold her in the highest regard and trust and respect her guidance.

Erin is one of the most loyal and dedicated legislative staff members on Capitol Hill. She has proven her talents and capabilities again and again over the years, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside her and blessed to call her a friend.

Erin should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with her and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Erin and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Erin "Doty" Georges for her hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JAMES C. BOLAND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. James C. Boland, who is being honored as the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland's Mayo Person of the Year.

Founded in 2004, the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland is a forum for information and activities of interest to individuals of Irish descent, particularly those with ancestral ties to County Mayo. Its members are dedicated to promoting cultural, charitable, scientific and/or literary exchanges between the United States and Ireland, with particular emphasis on County Mayo, including but not limited to research into the life and times of Irish immigration to America and the study of Irish and Irish-American history.

A native Cleveland, James Boland has a long and storied history in the Northeast Ohio community. He is a graduate of John Carroll University and later earned degrees with George Washington University and the Harvard Business School. He served with the U.S. Army before joining Ernest & Young in 1964 for 34 years, when he retired in 1998 as a partner with the firm. Following his retirement, Boland was named the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cavaliers/Gund Arena Company in 1998 and became the Vice Chairman in 2003; he retired in 2007. Boland has also served on the boards of Developers Diversified Realty Corporation, Invacare, the Sherwin-Williams Company and the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

He is not only legendary in the business community, but has also been a philanthropic leader. He has played an integral role in the Leadership Cleveland program since it was established in 1977. He is involved with the United Way, Cleveland Tomorrow, The Ohio Business Roundtable, University Circle, The Cleveland Health and Education Museum, Hawken School, Bluecoats, the Great Lakes

Science Center and the Harvard Business School Club. He has chaired the YMCA Corporate Challenge, the March of Dimes "Walk-a-thon," the Olympic Torch Relay Committee and has played essential role in numerous other events that empower groups in Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. James C. Boland on being named the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland's Mayo Person of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTHERN OHIO LEBANESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, FADY CHAMOUN AND GEORGE CODY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Fady Chamoun and Mr. George Cody, Ph.D., who are being honored by the Northern Ohio Lebanese American Association.

The Northern Ohio Lebanese American Association (NOLAA) was founded in 1931 as a social and charitable organization. NOLAA's original purpose was to promote an understanding and unity among its members, act as a resource to better the conditions of its members and to foster unity among Lebanese Americans and their families in Cleveland and neighboring cities. In 2005, the Lebanese American Christian Society (LACS) was established in conjunction with NOLAA. Today NOLAA and LACS are dedicated to preserving, enriching, and promoting Lebanese heritage and traditions through cultural, educational, humanitarian and social activities.

NOLAA annually honors those who have made significant contributions to the community. This year's celebration will honor Mr. Fady Chamoun and Mr. George Cody. Mr. Chamoun is the founder and CEO of Aladdin's Eatery and Jasmine's Bakery, a restaurant chain and bakery that specializes in Lebanese cuisine. Mr. Cody serves as the Executive Director of the American Task Force for Lebanon, an organization dedicated to expanding awareness of the economic and political conditions in Lebanon and encouraging U.S. government entities and the Lebanese-American community to provide much needed assistance to Lebanon. Additionally, NOLAA will be paying tribute to their special guest, Mr. Boutros Harb, a member of the Lebanese Parliament.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Northern Ohio Lebanese American Association, and Mr. Fady Chamoun and Mr. George Cody as they come together to celebrate at the Annual Lebanese Heritage Ball.

HONORING BISHOP GEORGE W. BROOKS

**HON. MELVIN L. WATT**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a friend, supporter, mentor and trusted

advisor to me, both spiritually and politically, Bishop George Wilbert Brooks. After 37 years of service, Bishop Brooks will retire as Senior Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina on December 31, 2012.

A native of Hillsborough, North Carolina, Bishop Brooks moved to Greensboro to attend North Carolina A&T State University where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Shaw University in Raleigh and a Doctorate of Ministry degree from Friends International Christian University in Merced, California. After being licensed to preach the gospel in March 1975, Bishop Brooks moved back to Greensboro to begin his service as Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Since accepting the call to lead Mount Zion Baptist Church, Bishop Brooks has set an example for community and civic leadership and involvement that others can only aspire to match. In addition to his important religious role as the leader of a dynamic congregation, he is recognized as a leader in community based self-sufficiency initiatives. He also serves on numerous local, national and international boards and has been named among the "Most Influential Persons in the Triad" by The Triad Business Journal each year since 2005.

In addition to his church and community involvement he is a devoted husband of 44 years to Edna Brooks, father of two children and grandfather of five grandchildren.

Bishop Brooks' service to Mount Zion Baptist Church and the Greensboro community is unmatched. He has been a leader and a real inspiration to countless others in word and deed and in other ways that we can only imagine. As I often tell people, he is a "one-of-a-kind guy".

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure my colleagues will join me in wishing Bishop George W. Brooks the very best in retirement, although I'm not about to let him retire from the roles he plays in my life as friend, advisor and mentor. I thank him for all he has done for me and for our community.

HAMAS ATTACKS ON ISRAEL

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to this chamber's attention the on-going attacks taking place in Israel.

Over the past several days, Hamas militants in Gaza have launched a concerted offensive against Israel, our partner in peace in the region.

Nearly 350 rockets have landed in Israel from Gaza in the past three days. Three Israelis were killed in a rocket attack on Thursday.

Yesterday and today, warning sirens rang in Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city, for the first time since the Gulf War.

As the right of any country to protect its people from attacks, such as Turkey has taken in recent weeks in response to Syria's civil war, Israel has initiated Operation Pillar of Defense to halt the rockets being launched from Gaza. Israeli Defense Minister Ehud

Barak has already announced that 30,000 reservists would be called up to help protect innocent civilians from these attacks.

I condemn these heinous attacks on innocent Israeli civilians and ask our country to support action to bring these terrorist actions to a swift and immediate end.

HONORING RYAN FITZPATRICK

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Ryan Fitzpatrick served as a member of my team from 2006 to March 2011. After helping lead me to victory during my first campaign, Ryan quickly ascended the ranks in my Washington office and became one of my most trusted and hardest working legislative assistants.

During his time in my office, Ryan played an integral role in shaping my legislative portfolio and in helping me achieve many of my proudest legislative accomplishments. Ryan's knowledge of Western North Carolina, combined with his determination and in-depth understanding of energy, environmental, and conservation issues, proved critical in securing the North Shore Road settlement agreement and negotiating key provisions in the American Clean Energy Security Act of 2009.

Ryan should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Ryan and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Ryan Fitzpatrick for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, as a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, I rise today in commemoration of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

In 2005, the U.N. General Assembly adopted a Resolution that calls for a worldwide recognition of the third Sunday in November each year as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. Each year on this day we remember the victims of road crashes and the difficulties faced by their loved ones who must cope with the awful emotional and practical consequences of these tragedies.

Road crashes are a critical public health issue. According to the 2009 Global Status Report on Road Safety, road crashes contribute to approximately 1.3 million deaths around the world each year. By 2030, the number of fatalities is projected to increase exponentially, making road crashes the fifth leading cause of death in the world.

This year's theme for World Remembrance Day—"Now is the time to learn from the past"—focuses on the need for organizations and nations around the world to join in the discussion of prevention programs and methods. We must examine failed strategies and devise stronger and more effective road safety policies.

I am honored that ASIRT—the Association for Safe International Road Travel—is headquartered in my congressional district. ASIRT is a non-profit organization that emphasizes the importance of global road safety through education, advocacy, and road safety projects. Over the years, ASIRT has done extraordinary work to keep travelers safe on the world's roads. Its efforts have saved countless lives as it draws attention to this critical public health issue.

As we observe the 2012 World Day of Remembrance, I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of reflection, remembering the lives affected by road crashes and the continued need to do all we can to make the world a safer place.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF RICHARD F. CHAPMAN, M.D.

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of an extraordinary man, Dr. Richard F. Chapman, who passed away on October 12, 2012, in Menlo Park, California, after decades of living and adjusting to life with multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Chapman was the son of a pediatrician whose father was a Congregational Church minister with deep roots in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. His mother graduated from Vassar and taught mathematics. Dr. Chapman graduated from Yale University, as did his two brothers, Rob and Ned, and he received his M.D. from Northwestern University in 1959.

Following his internship at Highland Hospital in Alameda County, California, he took his residency training in psychiatry at the Menninger School of Psychiatry. Dr. Chapman served as a Captain in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill where he developed a program of group mental health consultation that was used as a model for the delivery of mental health services to U.S. forces in Vietnam.

He moved to the Bay Area in 1966 with his young family and established a private practice, helping to found one of the first approved psychiatry training programs within a community mental health center. The center was an early model for the national community mental health center movement. He later became a clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University.

He served as President of the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute, and later as Dean of Faculty of the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, now known as Palo Alto University. He was known by many for his soft spoken manner, his enthusiastic laugh, and more than anything else his ability to inspire and encourage those around him to pursue their dreams, hopes and aspirations.

He leaves his loving daughter, Karen, who cared for him daily with great devotion for the last several years of his life, and his dear son Eric (Sarah) Chapman; his grandchildren, Ryan, Katie and Jack; his brother, Robert, and sister-in-law, Virginia; his nieces, Lucia and Sarah (Barry); his nephew, Robert (Laurie); as well as his devoted caregivers, Mercedes, Mildred, Marcia and Ricky.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to Dr. Chapman's family, and honoring this great and good man who gave so much of himself in service to his country and his community. He will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him, and I count myself privileged to be among that special group.

HONORING FRANKIE BERGER

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Frankie Berger joined my Washington, DC office in 2009. She performed each of her



roles with a dedication to success and was instrumental in making sure that constituents who wrote to me with issues or concerns understood that we valued their input by helping me to provide a timely and thorough response to all. Frankie also had a great reputation in the District for always looking out for constituent job opportunities in Western North Carolina. No matter the day, one thing I could always count on was Frankie's cheerful disposition and optimistic outlook on life.

Frankie should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with her and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Frankie and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Frankie Berger for her hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

#### KOREAN WAR SOLDIER REMAINS RETURNED HOME TO UPSTATE NEW YORK

#### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a Korean War soldier whose remains were returned home to Seneca Falls in New York's Finger Lakes Region.

Army Cpl. Elmer Kidd was 26 years old when he died in 1950 at the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.

Cpl. Kidd's 80-year-old sister welcomed home her brother's remains at Hancock Airport in Syracuse, New York last week for a funeral and military burial at Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Romulus. We are thankful that his remains are home and we maintain hope that all of our soldiers who die in war are also returned home to their final resting place.

We owe a world of gratitude to the men and women who have stepped forward and offered themselves for our nation. From Lexington and Concord to the present day, hundreds of thousands of men and women died in the defense of human rights both here and in foreign lands. We are here today in an open society because of brave individuals like Cpl. Kidd. He represents the best of the Finger Lakes and of the United States. He paid the highest price so that the idea of freedom for all people will continue to move forward.

May we humbly honor and remember Elmer Kidd's sacrifice for our nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO RONALD HAMOWY

#### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask unanimous consent to enter "Ronald Hamowy, R.I.P." by Stephen Cox of Liberty Unbound into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The piece

pays tribute to Ronald Hamowy, one of the libertarian movement's most gifted scholars, who passed away on September 8 of this year.

As a student in New York, Ronald Hamowy attended the seminar of the great Austrian economist Ludwig Von Mises. While attending the Mises seminar, Hamowy become friends with a group of other young libertarian scholars. These young scholars banded together in the "Circle Bastiat," named after the great 19th century French free-market economist. The Circle Bastiat served as a combination intellectual support group and social club for the handful of libertarian scholars studying, working, and living in New York City in the late forties and fifties. Members of the Circle Bastiat, whose leader was Mises' heir and founder of the modern libertarian movement Murray Rothbard, would go on to play key roles in developing and popularizing the ideas of liberty.

In the 1960s, Hamowy studied under future Nobel Laureate F.A. Hayek at the University of Chicago's School of Social Thought. While at Chicago, Hamowy was one of the founders and editors of the *New Individualist Review*. This publication, which lasted from 1961–1968, featured contributions from almost every leading libertarian and conservative thinker of the time.

In addition to helping edit the publication, Ronald Hamowy wrote several significant pieces for *New Individualist Review*. Of particular relevance to today is Hamowy's article on how conservative's support for a militaristic foreign policy was causing them to abandon their commitment to limited, constitutional government and individual liberty. I believe history has shown that Hamowy was correct to warn conservatives that allowing claims of "national security" to justify enormous intrusions into our economic and personal lives, would inevitably lead conservatives to abandon all pretense of supporting limited government.

Hamowy was a lonely voice in the sixties. At that time most professed believers in free-markets supported an interventionist foreign policy, while most professed supporters of peace supported the welfare-regulatory state. In fact, the majority of support for the view that one should oppose both the warfare and the welfare state came from members of the Circle Bastiat and those influenced by their writings. Fortunately, a new generation of conservative activists has rediscovered the truths kept alive by thinkers like Hamowy and his Circle Bastiat colleagues regarding the link between free-markets, limited government, and a non-interventionist foreign policy.

From 1969 to 1998, Ronald Hamowy was a professor of intellectual history at the University of Alberta. During this time, he was also associated with a number of free-market institutions, including the Ludwig Von Mises Institute, the CATO Institute, and the Independent Institute. During the early eighties, Ronald Hamowy edited CATO's magazine *Inquiry* and more recently he served as distinguished fellow of social thought at CATO. He also wrote many articles and monographs for the *Frazer Institute*, Canada's leading free-market think-tank.

One of Ronald Hamowy's most significant contributions to the liberty movement was his work undermining the intellectual jurisdiction for the nonsensical and disastrous drug wars. Hamowy also produced important work concerned the dangers of allowing government to control health care. His interest, and expertise,

in the dangers of government health care should come as no surprise. After all, here was a leading liberation scholar, a student of Mises and Hayek and a close friend of Rothbard's, living with Canadian socialized medicine. Hamowy thus combined his knowledge of Austrian economics and libertarian politician theory with his own observations on the failures of the Canadian system. Those looking for intellectual ammunition in the fight to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with true free-market health care policies certainly can benefit from reading Hamowy's work on the subject, such as his 2007 book *Government and Public Health in America* and his 1984 book *Canadian Medicine: a Study in Restricted Entry*.

Ronald Hamowy will be missed by his many friends in the liberty movement. Fortunately, he leaves behind a substantial body of work promoting the ideas of liberty that can benefit future scholars and activists interested in advancing liberty.

[From *Liberty*, Sept. 9, 2012]

RONALD HAMOWY, R.I.P.

(By Stephen Cox)

Ronald Hamowy, who honored *Liberty* by becoming one of its Contributing Editors, died at 11:30 a.m. on September 8, in a hospital in Baltimore. The final cause of death was sepsis. Ronald had suffered for years from heart and kidney problems, and he had been hospitalized for several months.

He was one of the libertarian movement's most important and vital scholars. An historian of the 18th century, he was known for his impeccable standards of research and writing. To discerning researchers of the Enlightenment—left, right, or center—his word was law. If there was a scholarly myth or illusion, he was the one who was trusted to puncture it. He was the person who meticulously set things straight. Many times, when I have mentioned his name in an academic conversation, the reply has been, "Ronald Hamowy! You know him?"

For libertarians, Ronald will always be recognized as a bright star of the post-World War II generation—but unlike many other grand old men of this or that era, he never became a Grand Old Man. He retained to the end his youthful joy and sense of first discovery. To him, any new fact—or any old movie, viewed on his constant friend, *Turner Classics*—was a pleasure to be greeted as if it were the first one in the universe. Even when ensconced as chairman of an august intellectual conference, Ronald let his eyes sparkle and his mouth crinkle with laughter, and with some little Count Basie-like verbal gesture he set the whole house laughing with his infectious wit.

Ronald was born in 1937, in Shanghai, China, the scion of a cosmopolitan Jewish family. His father was born in Syria; his beautiful and beloved mother in Egypt. He grew up in New York, where he supported himself with a number of jobs (one of them was running the streets, selling pop records). During his graduate work at the University of Chicago, he co-edited (with Ralph Raico) the *New Individualist Review*, a lively, beautifully produced libertarian intellectual journal. If you read it today, you will be sure to enjoy every word of it. *Liberty*—this journal—was consciously modeled on the *American Mercury* and the *New Individualist Review*.

The most important thing was Ronald's ability to distinguish pseudo-individualism from the real thing. Nothing could be too real for him.

Ronald's advisor at Chicago was Friedrich Hayek, but Hayek contributed little to Ronald's studies. Hayek was above it all. Ronald



was on his own, as students of Great Academics always are. His first dissertation topic required him to do research at the Bibliothèque National in Paris, where he found the research conditions impossible. Migrating to Oxford, which had resources adequate to another topic in which he was interested, he needed the sponsorship of some Oxford academic, to get permission to exploit the library. He approached Sir Isaiah Berlin, who rebuffed him. Berlin was "taking no more students."

Ronald, who was only half as tall as other people, looked up at the great Sir Isaiah. "Listen," he said. "I'm very smart. I'm very hard-working. And I'm funny." All that was true. Sir Isaiah looked down at the small student in front of him, laughed, and said, "All right."

Ronald was hard to resist. And he knew it. But he was one of the funniest people I've ever known. If Ronald couldn't make you laugh, you really weren't worth the effort. And his wit was always . . . intellectually understood. No vulgarity. No easy laughs. Nothing but fun. But not coy, either.

One person who resisted Ronald was Ayn Rand. As one of the young libertarians (Ronald's friend Murray Rothbard was another) who were invited to her apartment for intellectual discussions, he was cast into oblivion after a difference of opinion about . . . Rachmaninoff. Guests were asked to say who their favorite composers were, and when Rand's turn came, she said "Rachmaninoff," with specific reference to his second piano concerto. "Why?" Ronald asked. "Because he was the most rational," Rand responded. At which Ronald laughed, thinking it must be a joke. He knew that the composer had dedicated that concerto to his psychiatrist—and anyway, rationality had nothing to do with its greatness. But Ronald's laughter resulted in exile, and the loss of friends who were dear to him.

Ronald was a professor in the Department of History at the University of Alberta from 1969 until his retirement in 1998, at which time he immediately moved back to the United States. He detested conformist cultures, and he regarded both his department and, it is fair to say, Canada itself as epitomes of conformism. I once asked him what was wrong with Canada, and he said, "I'll tell you. If you walk into a store in Canada, and you find a customer having a dispute with a sales clerk, 90% of the other customers will immediately side with the clerk. That person is regarded as an official, and therefore the one to obey." He attributed this defect of Canadian culture in large part to the migration to Canada of people opposed to the American Revolution. They set the tone.

Ronald himself was always a revolutionary. He was outraged by any offense to individualism, so much so that he engaged in a ferocious online conflict with other gay libertarians, who regarded the move Braveheart as a tribute to the heroic individual. Ronald pointed out that the move was historically ridiculous and anti-homosexual to boot. He argued, convincingly, that works of art really do need to be judged by their fidelity to historical truth, whenever they recommend themselves as historically true. But the most important thing was Ronald's ability to distinguish pseudo-individualism from the real thing. Nothing could be too real for him. One day, when he and I were discussing various versions of libertarian thought, I asked him where he stood, and he replied (knowing I would not sympathize entirely), "Basically, I agree with Murray"—meaning with Murray Rothbard's very radical libertarianism.

I believe that the antiwar strain of libertarian thought was important for Ronald. I

remember accompanying him, when he visited San Diego, to the Adams Avenue (used) Bookstore (where else would you entertain Ronald Hamowy?). While browsing the stacks, I heard a voice muttering curses, somewhere else in the establishment. I found Ronald in a side room, seated amid stacks of books he was examining, and holding a copy of Barbara Tuchman's *The Guns of August* in his hand. Tuchman justified British intervention in World War I. "Damned British crap," Ronald exclaimed, putting the book down as if he were giving long-overdue punishment to a whole school of thought. Which he was.

His life demonstrated that we libertarians are right: the individual, complex and whole, is the mysterious and unending source of all that is vital in our world.

Ronald's works include *The Scottish Enlightenment and the Theory of Spontaneous Order* (University of Southern Illinois Press, 1987), *Canadian Medicine: A Study in Restricted Entry* (Fraser Institute, 1984), *Dealing with Drugs: Consequences of Government Control* (edited, Lexington Books, 1987), *Government and Public Health in America* (Edward Elgar, 2007), *The Encyclopedia of Libertarianism* (edited, Sage Publications, 2008), and many articles, including one that was especially valuable for Liberty, on the intellectual argument about the American Revolution (*Liberty*, July 2008, pp. 37–42).

After his retirement, Ronald and his companion Clement Ho moved into a pretty, three-story house in the Washington suburb of Rockville, MD. There Ronald completed his magisterial edition of Hayek's *The Constitution of Liberty* (University of Chicago Press, 2011), which straightens out a great deal that Hayek left, shall we say, unstraightened. Ronald was already in poor health, requiring the use of a cane and, eventually, one of those personal elevators that take you from the first floor of your house to another floor. He had countless near-death experiences—frequently being rushed to the hospital, with only a half hour available to save his life. Yet he bravely undertook a long journey to Greece and Italy, which he enjoyed, and he lived with equivalent bravery from day to day. To see Ronald sitting at his desk, surrounded with computer wires, like a snake-charmer among his clients, watching his computer with one eye and Cary Grant (*Turner Classics*, again) with the other, was to imagine a cultural world that was, for once, under intelligent control.

Ronald was a combination of supposed opposites. He was a fiery combatant, yet a generous and lenient friend. He was sensitive and nostalgic, often to the point of tears, yet an unflinching judge of the written word. He struggled, year after year, against the uncountable illnesses that racked his body; yet he was always as valiant as a soldier undertaking his first combat mission. But there was no contradiction. His life demonstrated that we libertarians are right: the individual, complex and whole, is the mysterious and unending source of all that is vital in our world.

Ronald is survived by his friend Clement Ho, who was with him every step of the way. Anyone wishing to contact him is invited to do so, at [cho@american.edu](mailto:cho@american.edu).

#### HONORING JED BHUTA

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

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Jed Bhuta joined our Washington, DC team as Legislative Director in 2009. Jed helped to shape my legislative agenda and managed the responsibilities associated with my role as Co-Chair of the Blue Dog Coalition. During Jed's tenure in the office, Congress considered several comprehensive and controversial pieces of legislation. Jed was a valued advisor as we navigated our way through the details of deeply complicated issues. Jed also demonstrated great leadership in the way he helped mentor the rest of the legislative staff, who both respected and trusted his guidance.

Jed should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Jed and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Jed Bhuta for his hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING OF THE SUPERMAN EXHIBIT IN CLEVELAND HOPKINS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the opening of a new Superman exhibit in Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

The history of Superman dates back to the 1930s when it was created by Glenville, Ohio natives, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. The Superman exhibit will be a permanent display located in Cleveland Hopkins International Airport's baggage claim area. The exhibit will be highlighted by a Superman statue and the words "Welcome to Cleveland—Where the Legend Began" and "Superman, World's Greatest Super Hero." The display was created by the Siegel & Shuster Society and designed by Studio Graphique.

The Siegel & Shuster Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to commemorating and celebrating the creation of Superman in Cleveland, Ohio by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.

The Society creates events and activities which celebrate Cleveland as the "Birthplace of Superman" and the importance of Superman to the community.

The dedication ceremony of the exhibit will be celebrated on October 11, 2012 and will feature a speech by the daughter of Superman co-creator Jerry Siegel, Laura Siegel. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Airport Director Ricky Smith and other relatives of Siegel and Shuster will also speak. Additionally, Sean Jones from the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra will be performing.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the opening of the Superman Exhibit in Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS FOR  
"CARCINOGEN-FREE LABEL ACT"

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, exposure to cancer-causing agents increases every American's risk of cancer, and they are found in everyday products and in the environment.

Since only 5 percent of cancer is caused by genetic factors, people can reduce their risk of getting cancer by the other 95 percent of causes by reducing their exposure to carcinogens.

We all know that we can reduce our risk of getting cancer by wearing sunscreen, quitting smoking, and steering clear of asbestos. But what about everyday products? Which make-up has carcinogens? Which pesticides? Which air fresheners, carpet cleaners, flea collars, and yes, food items, increase your family's risk of cancer? Which baby shampoos?

The reality is consumers do not know. Even if our constituents memorized the list of known and probable carcinogens, many substances in consumer products remain hidden. Words like "fragrance" and "artificial flavoring" are used in place of specific ingredients to protect companies' trade secrets, and they should. But there is no denying that this protection makes it harder for consumers to make fully informed choices.

And even if known carcinogens were not part of a product's ingredient list, certain manufacturing or storage practices can result in the introduction of carcinogens into a product, which then can pass into your body.

Today, along with my distinguished colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK), I am introducing legislation called the "Carcinogen-Free Label Act." Under this bipartisan bill, manufacturers who would like to market their products as being completely free of all known carcinogens would be allowed to seek a "carcinogen-free" label. By submitting a confidential application to be evaluated by the agency that regulates its specific product, a manufacturer could provide consumers assurance that the product is free of known carcinogens without having to divulge valuable trade secrets. The voluntary application would protect manufacturers' hard-earned intellectual property and could not be used by any agency of government for any reason other than determining the product's "carcinogen-free" status.

The application would simply include a full list of substances and a demonstrated adherence to best carcinogen-avoidance practices in manufacture, storage, and transportation. In addition, this program would not mandate any new bureaucracy to evaluate carcinogens; it simply creates a process for agencies to compare ingredients lists against existing government lists of known and probable carcinogens.

Unlike other well-intentioned efforts to get carcinogens out of consumer products, this legislation would not rely on mandates or bans. If a manufacturer does not choose to apply, there is no penalty. The labeling program is 100 percent voluntary. It would simply harness the power of the free market, enabling consumers to choose safer products for themselves and their families.

I urge my colleagues to pass this market-driven legislation and give consumers and families across America the power to opt-out of cancer-causing substances in everyday products.

HONORING BRANDI LOWELL

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Brandi Lowell has been an invaluable asset to my office since joining our team in 2011. Brandi quickly became one of my closest and most trusted advisors in her capacities as Legislative Director and later as Chief of Staff. Her extensive policy knowledge, keen political instincts, professionalism and commitment to excellence are unrivaled.

As Chief of Staff, Brandi has done an outstanding job leading, managing, and motivating our office team. Brandi has been the driving force behind many of my major legislative achievements in the 112th Congress. She has been a key player in bipartisan, bicameral deficit reduction efforts throughout her time in my office and played a major part in the success of the "Go Big" Coalition. Brandi is regarded as one of the sharpest and most capable, most loyal legislative staff members on Capitol Hill, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside her and blessed to call her a friend.

Brandi should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has

been an honor to serve with Brandi and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Brandi and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Brandi Lowell for her hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and the United States and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE  
OF GARY PATRICK FAZZINO

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend and colleague, Gary Fazzino. He was born on June 15, 1952, and died on October 30, 2012, at his Palo Alto home following a 2½-year battle with multiple myeloma.

Gary Fazzino was a genuinely kind man. He was learned, curious, inquisitive, fun loving and serious. In all my years of knowing him, I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. He was multi-faceted and represented many good things to so many people. First and foremost, Gary was a loving husband and devoted father. He came late to the calling of parenthood, often joking that he did things backward, becoming a city councilmember at the age of 24 and a father at 56. Late or not, he adored his children and loved being a father. In the short time he had with his twins, Julia and Matthew, he imparted his deep love for them, his love for life, and his love of learning. He adored his beautiful wife Annette, and the glow of strength that she emits comes in part from knowing how well and fully she was loved by Gary.

In addition to his family, the list of Gary's passions is a long one, but the first of these is the city his parents brought him to when he was a freshman in high school. Sal and Dolores Fazzino packed three children into the family station wagon and drove from Connecticut to California, with no job waiting, in search of a better life for all of them. They found it, and Gary found a community that he was proud of and loved deeply all the days of his life.

Gary was a graduate of Palo Alto High School, and received his undergraduate degree with a major in Theology from Stanford University. He received a master's degree in public policy from Occidental College and earned an MBA degree from the University of Washington.

Gary Fazzino was Palo Alto's unofficial historian, knowing more about the city and its history than anyone else. In fact, he was working on a history of the city at the time of his death. He became one of the youngest elected leaders in Palo Alto history when he joined the City Council in 1977 at the age of 24, and served on the Council from 1977 to 1983, and from 1989 to 2001, and as Mayor in 1992 and 1999.

Gary was also an ardent sports fan. He knew statistics for soccer teams on many continents, often making friends through his

knowledge. He loved to run, ride bicycles, and travel, particularly to his beloved Italy. He loved people and maintained many friendships over many years and great distances.

Gary had many and diverse interests, enough to occupy an average man's every waking hour, but Gary was not an average man. He worked for almost three decades at Hewlett Packard, rising to the top position of Vice President of Government Affairs, and moved on to lead as Vice President of Applied Materials. The offices he held at these major companies paint a picture of his business success, and are very much a part of his Silicon Valley story. Gary was a leader in the Valley whose opinion was sought and whose ideas and creativity were always valued. He knew that technology and innovation were key to changing the world for the better, and founded TechNet to be the voice of the innovation economy in Washington, D.C. He was recognized by all as a voice for the Valley and two years ago was the inspiration for the Information Technology Industry (ITI) Council's Gary P. Fazzino Award for Innovation Excellence.

Dean Garfield, President and CEO of ITI, wrote recently of Gary that "In truth, for the tech sector, there is no better definition of consistent leadership, no better demonstration of exemplary service than the work and the life of Gary Fazzino. A poet once called for men with 'strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands.' Gary was one of those men, in a class by himself."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Annette, Julia and Matthew Fazzino, as well as the entire Fazzino family. It is fitting for the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life of this extraordinarily brilliant, kind, honest and capable man who loved his community and his country so deeply. I count among the greatest blessings of my life my friendship with Gary Fazzino.

#### HONORING GRANT CARLISLE

### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Grant Carlisle has been a part of my Washington, D.C. office since August 2010. From

the very beginning, I have been impressed with his work ethic and attention to detail. Grant has proven himself to have a comprehensive understanding of every issue for which he is responsible, as well as the ability to efficiently and effectively communicate details of an issue, both verbally and in writing. Each of Grant's various roles has required expediency and precision, and he has proven himself to be a dedicated member of the staff in every capacity.

Grant should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Grant and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Grant Carlisle for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO BARBARA CARMICHAEL

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Barbara Carmichael who passed away on October 17, 2012. Barbara was a pillar of the community in Norco, California and she will be deeply missed.

Barbara Carmichael moved to Norco in 1980 and served three terms on the Norco City Council starting in November 1990. She was mayor in 1992 and 1998, and left the council in 2003. In order to be closer to family, she moved to the small town of Manton in Northern California in 2005. During her time there, Barbara became active in local organizations and sat on the Manton Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees last year.

Barbara also was a 4-H leader for 22 years, honorary Future Farmers of America chapter farmer, a Norco Chamber of Commerce Fair Committee member for 10 years, Corona Regional Hospital Foundation Board member, a Riverside City College advisory board member, and was active in many other community groups. According to Norco Mayor Kevin Bash, Barbara was instrumental in securing national historical status for the former Norconian hotel and was involved in the initial planning stages of the Silverlakes equestrian and sports park. The way in which Barbara lived her life should serve as reminder to others that the power of an individual with drive, perseverance and a stellar work ethic can do great things.

Barbara is survived by daughters Bree Zimmerman and Brittney Mailhes, and five grandchildren.

On Sunday, November 18, 2012, a memorial service celebrating Barbara's extraordinary life will be held. Barbara will always be remembered for her contributions to the community, work ethic, generosity, and love of family. Her dedication to her work, family and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Barbara's family and friends; al-

though Barbara may be gone, the light and goodness she brought to the world remains and will never be forgotten.

#### RECOGNIZING TOM KAISER FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO HIS FELLOW VETERANS

### HON. ALLEN B. WEST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand today and recognize Tom Kaiser for his selfless devotion to his fellow veterans and brothers in arms.

Mr. Kaiser is a proud member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Korean War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Sons of the American Legion.

As a member of these veterans organizations, Mr. Kaiser has displayed an unyielding sense of duty in making the sacrifice that our veterans have displayed throughout the years known to south Florida residents.

Mr. Kaiser, as the head of the Boynton Beach Veterans Council, was able to establish the Boynton Beach Veterans Park and oversaw many dedications at the park to veterans of all wars. The park now has 32 monuments and benches to honor the branches of service. Further, Mr. Kaiser has arranged to have local schools visit the park to learn about our history and the many wars it has taken to promote the freedoms that we hold so dear.

He also helped many World War II Veterans obtain the French Medal of Honor. At this time, they have honored at least 300 veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I drive down Federal highway almost daily when I am home in south Florida, and not a day goes by when I do not see the POW/MIA signs along the road. We all have Mr. Kaiser to thank for installing those onto such a busy highway for all to see. We hope that these signs will one day stretch from Key West to the Georgia state line.

As a 22-year active duty retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, I know the sacrifice and sense of duty that all veterans feel. I know that many of our veterans do their job, not for recognition, but for love of country and selfless devotion to their fellow brother in arms.

Mr. Speaker, today, however, Tom Kaiser deserves this recognition for all the hard work he has displayed throughout the years, ensuring that our veterans' sacrifices are never forgotten, and that our future generations may carry the torch that he has helped carry. May Mr. Kaiser always remain steadfast and loyal in these altruistic pursuits.

#### TRIBUTE TO KEVIN KESTER

### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Kevin Kester, on his retirement as President of the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA). He has been an effective and passionate advocate for ranching and the cattle industry in our

local community, our State of California, and across the United States.

Kevin hails from a long line of ranchers, and his family has been in the business for almost 150 years—running cattle since 1867. A graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with a degree in agriculture management, he served in the City of Paso Robles Police Department for several years and later as a San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's deputy. Upon returning to help run his family's Bear Valley Ranch, today he operates the ranch with his wife, June, and their three children, Kayleen, Kody, and Kara, ensuring another generation of Kester leadership in California agriculture.

As President of CCA, Kevin was one of the unique individuals who was able to advocate for issues critical to the ranching and cattle industry, fighting to maintain and promote, as well as educate, policymakers both in Washington and Sacramento on the importance of ranching heritage and how California cattlemen and cattlemen are proud stewards of the environment. Understanding the link between rangeland conservation, environmental management, and running cattle, he was successful in working with both sides of the aisle on a variety of issues, be it on taxes, trade or regulatory issues important to ranchers.

During his tenure as CCA President, Kevin was also able to better coordinate with and involve all the local and county cattle associations in California to more effectively promote issues of importance to them. Prior to being elected CCA President, he served as the CCA Wildlife Management Committee Chairman and is a past president of the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association. Kevin is also a past chairman of the California Mid-State Fair Heritage Foundation Board of Directors and the California Mid-State Fair Agriculture Committee, as well as a member of the Shandon Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees.

I always enjoy meeting with Kevin and getting his counsel, whether it be on important policies facing ranchers or for advice on the best cut of steak for dinner. When we meet in San Luis Obispo, he's usually right off Bear Valley in his ranching uniform. When in Washington, he may put on a coat and tie, but true to his ranching heritage, I can always spot him amongst all the dark suits in the hallways of the Capitol in his cowboy hat, cowboy boots and belt buckle.

Kevin's dedication to ranching and our community continue to be exemplified through his commitment to service, and while he may be leaving CCA's top post, I look forward to working with him on issues of importance to agriculture in our community, California, and across the country.

#### HONORING JACK MCCARTHY

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor several of the volunteers who have served in my district office over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide excellent constituent services and

these volunteers have assisted my staff in providing the exceptional assistance so many have come to expect in our district. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

These volunteers have always treated our constituents with the utmost respect and made sure their needs were met in a timely fashion. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Jack McCarthy played a valuable role as a volunteer from the very beginning of my time in Congress. I could always count on Jack to make sure visitors to our District office felt genuinely respected and listened to. Jack's calming voice and demeanor provided confidence to the countless constituents who called in need of critical assistance. Jack's friendship and support over these past six years have been invaluable, and I will take with me his many wise and uplifting affirmations.

Jack should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with Jack and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Jack McCarthy for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING COLONEL CLARENCE E. "BUD" ANDERSON (USAF, RET.)

#### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, we are met here today on several items of important business.

First, we are here to dedicate Col. Bud Anderson Way as a permanent and daily reminder to all of us how honored our community is to be the home of Bud Anderson.

But more importantly, we name this street after Bud Anderson as a lesson to succeeding generations in matters of courage and sacrifice and duty and patriotism, in the hope and expectation that these generations will find inspiration and instruction in Col. Anderson's life story.

He grew up in the little California town of Newcastle, in the 1920's and 30's—an age and a place where uniquely American values of individual responsibility, self-reliance, love of liberty, sense of duty, and love of country were very real, very strong, and inculcated into the very souls of America's greatest generation.

When our nation, and all that it stood for, came under attack by foreign tyrants, that Greatest Generation knew instantly what was at stake and could see clearly what had to be done.

President Roosevelt sounded the clarion call with these words: "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory."

The whole might and fury of the nation was committed to the cause, and from little towns like Newcastle, courageous young men like Bud Anderson stepped forward—indeed, rushed forward—to defend not only our country, but what Lincoln had called the last best hope of mankind.

Today, it is hard to imagine a time when an attack on our country was met with the complete and total resolve of the entire nation—where every citizen set aside their daily lives and indeed devoted themselves to, "absolute victory." Because people like Bud Anderson did just that, 3½ years later, the enemies of our nation had been utterly vanquished.

Bud Anderson shot down more than 16 German fighters in 116 combat missions. But what he really did was far more important. At great personal risk, he saved countless American bomber crews, making it possible to deliver justice to what Churchill called the "foulest and most soul-destroying tyranny in the history of the human race," and ultimately to fulfill the Liberty Bell's proud mandate from Leviticus: "to proclaim liberty throughout all the land and unto all the inhabitants thereof."

That's why we're really here. Not just to honor Bud Anderson. Lincoln was right that there's no way that we can add or detract from the honor that his deeds already earned him.

We're really here because we want to know that in this nation there once existed an American spirit that compelled us to recognize moral imperatives, to destroy absolute evil with absolute victory, and to celebrate American exceptionalism without reservation or hesitation.

We have in Bud Anderson a great example of these virtues, a great reminder that they are real, and a great teacher from whom we can recover these virtues in a world that is once again piled high with difficulties at home and abroad.

That's why we're naming this road in his honor—because we are desperately searching for the qualities that defined his deeds and his times and we have found in him a guide back to America's greatness.

Every person who travels this road, and who reflects on the story of Bud Anderson and his times, who learns that story and learns it well, will know that it is a road that can take us to better and brighter days ahead.

#### HONORING MIKE LUKSO

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

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My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Mike Lukso has served as a member of my Washington, D.C. staff since April of this year. In his first role, Mike coordinated and managed our constituent mail system in addition to handling a full portfolio of legislative issues. To perform these two jobs simultaneously is no small task, but Mike succeeded handily at both. Mike was quickly promoted to Legislative Assistant where he continued to prove his strengths, including the ability to rapidly research and synthesize broad sources of information while at the same time successfully repackaging complicated information into more understandable parts, the latter a critical skill to effectively communicate policy to our various constituent groups. Further marking Mike as a staff member valued by all is his sharp sense of humor and dedication to teamwork.

Mike should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Mike and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Mike Lukso for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

#### SUPPORT FOR SUSAN RICE

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to declare that I stand with Susan Rice.

Just as I stood in line, and my constituents stood in line, for hours on Election Day to vote, I stand here today.

But only stronger.

Just as we stood for and with President Obama on November 6th, we stand with him today as he stands up for Susan Rice our young, gifted Ambassador.

We must continue to stand for what is right in this nation Mr. Speaker, and that is what I have come here to do.

Susan Rice deserves respect, not the questioning of her integrity.

I applaud President Obama for standing for what is right and what is just.

I applaud President Obama for standing in support of Ambassador Rice.

We all need to continue to stand for truth. We need to stand for transparency.

We do not need to impugn our officials over rumors, dangerous hearsay, or conspiracy theories.

We must not allow the post of Ms. Rice to be politicized as it has been, Mr. Speaker.

We must not allow Susan Rice to be a fall guy for the failed election bid of Mitt Romney and his Republican cronies.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I regretfully missed recorded votes earlier this week. If I had been here, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 604; "yea" on rollcall No. 605; "yea" on rollcall No. 606; and "yea" on rollcall No. 607.

#### HONORING THE SANDERSON LODGE #22 FOR ITS DEDICATION TO SERVICING THE COMMUNITY

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sanderson Masonic Lodge #22, which has been a staple of the Copiah County community for over 30 years.

Built in 1979 in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, the lodge has maintained a rich history of strong leadership and commitment to extending a helping hand to all those who need assistance in the community. Sanderson Lodge has been recognized as one of the best in the State of Mississippi. For years, this lodge has steadily recruited some of the best and brightest members of the community. They have worked effortlessly to ensure that the lives of the residents would get better.

The Sanderson Masonic Lodge #22 continues to convey a message of hard work and service, always extending a helping hand to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Sanderson Lodge #22 for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

#### HONORING DIANA MCCARTHY

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor several of the volunteers who have served in my district office over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide excellent constituent services and these volunteers have assisted my staff in providing the exceptional assistance so many have come to expect in our District. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

These volunteers have always treated our constituents with the utmost respect and always made sure their needs were met in a timely fashion. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Diana McCarthy played a valuable role as a volunteer when I first took office. Diana pro-

vided valuable assistance to individuals who were struggling with cases before the Internal Revenue Service. Diana's ability to look at complex circumstances and provide wisdom and knowledge enabled constituents to feel confident that their voices were being heard and issues were being resolved.

Diana should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with Diana and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Diana McCarthy for her hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

#### IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

#### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 65 million Americans who spend on average 20 hours per week selflessly caring for family members or friends who, through age, disability, or illness, have lost the ability to care for themselves.

For most of us, the act of caring for those in need is a basic aspect of what it means to be human. Compassion, either through charitable giving or community service, is inseparable from American ideals of human rights for every member of our society. Whenever we treat those around us as we want to be treated, we contribute to a culture of responsibility and respect for life that leads us to do great things in the name of humanity.

Two weeks ago, President Barack Obama proclaimed November 2012 as National Family Caregivers Month. Anyone who spends time caring for a loved one in need is considered a family caregiver. Let us use this occasion to honor these everyday heroes and raise awareness of the profound contributions they make to society.

Family caregivers save taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars each year through their efforts.

According to studies compiled by the National Family Caregivers Association, the value of the unpaid services provided each year is estimated to be \$375 billion, which is almost twice as much as the \$158 billion spent in 2009 on homecare and nursing home services combined.

In my home state of California alone there were 3,419,481 family caregivers in 2004 providing over \$36 billion worth of care. Though they are mostly untrained, family caregivers now provide about 80% of all long-term care in the United States.

Imagine if taxpayers had to foot the full bill. Now, more than ever, family caregivers are essential to providing the best services and deserve the support of government and the medical community.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Census projects a massive growth in the number of Americans 65 and older as the baby-boomer generation ages. Populations in this age bracket will double in 23 states by 2030.

As medical progress means longer lives, families struggle to provide long-term family care than they did in past decades. Families are smaller and more spread out, and many family caregivers must juggle work and raising children in addition to their caregiving responsibilities. Family caregivers may need to operate complex medical equipment or practice delicate procedures without any formal training.

The “graying of America” will have a tremendous impact on families providing care for their older members.

Many public health officials are concerned that we may not be ready to assume the roles of family caregivers. Studies suggest that many Americans have not spent much time thinking about or preparing for long-term care. People who have no experience as a family caregiver may have extreme difficulty in approaching such a responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, the fact is that most of us will find ourselves in a similar situation, either giving or requiring long term care at various points in our lives.

Family caregivers often put themselves second as they balance competing commitments to their jobs, families, and communities. Tragically, more than 1 in 10 family caregivers report that their physical health has deteriorated as a result of extreme stress.

Family caregivers experiencing extreme stress have been shown to age prematurely. This level of stress can take as much as 10 years off a family caregiver's life.

Mr. Speaker, 40 to 70 percent of family caregivers have clinically significant symptoms of depression with approximately a quarter to half of these caregivers meet the diagnostic criteria for major depression.

We must also remember that many disabled veterans are supported by family caregivers. Having given so much for their country, I believe that they and their family members should not have to struggle to live out a full, dignified life.

Therefore, we should do everything possible to support family caregivers and lighten their burdens.

It begins with encouraging people to take adequate steps to prepare for their future care. This means setting aside funds to cover unforeseen medical expenses, signing a living will, and making preparations with family and friends. Health professionals must be sensitive to the needs of family caregivers and enlist them in formulating a patient's long-term care plan.

We also need to make sure that family caregivers have access to information and resources that can help them meet their responsibilities with minimal strain and unnecessary cost.

Finally, we must ensure that the concerns of family caregivers are reflected in all major healthcare legislation.

We are all family caregivers, Mr. Speaker. I urge my colleagues to work together to support human dignity and the American family.

## RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF STOCKTON GURDWARA

**HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, this is the story of a small group of families who long ago crossed a great ocean in search of religious tolerance and economic liberty; a land where people were free to enjoy the fruit of their own labor, to raise their children according to their own values, to practice their religious beliefs openly, to express their opinions without fear of retribution, to live their lives according to their own best judgment, and not according to the whims and mandates of the powerful.

That is the story of the pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower in 1620 seeking a better future in a free land for their descendants. It is the very same story of pilgrims like Baba Vasakha Singh and Baba Jawala Singh Thathian who founded the Stockton Gurdwara Sahib a century ago, and all those who have followed since.

One hundred and fifty years ago, Abraham Lincoln said that although many people who were then in America could trace their families back to the American founding, many more had come since then, and could not. But, he said, “when they look through that old Declaration of Independence they find that those old men say that ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,’ and then they feel that that moral sentiment taught in that day evidences their relation to those men, that it is the father of all moral principle in them, and that they have a right to claim it as though they were blood of the blood, and flesh of the flesh of the men who wrote that Declaration, and so they are.”

There is no religion more attuned to the principles of the American Declaration of Independence than the Sikh religion.

Both reject the idea of aristocracy and social class and instead judge every individual on his or her own merit and character.

Both embrace the unique notion that we are born with equal claim to unalienable rights that come directly from the “laws of nature and of nature's God,” and not from government—rather, we create governments to protect these God-given rights and that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these rights, it renounces its legitimacy.

And both have inspired and animated the aspirations of those around the world seeking to reclaim, protect and enjoy these God-given rights.

Individual liberty, personal responsibility, Constitutionally limited government—these are fundamental both to the Sikh Religion and to the American Founding.

Today, we celebrate not only a century of Sikh immigration and integration into America, together, we celebrate the immortal inscription on the American Liberty Bell, to “Proclaim Liberty Throughout ALL the Land, and Unto ALL the INHABITANTS Thereof.”

## HONORING PAUL FORD

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

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Paul Ford has played a valuable role as a volunteer from the very beginning of my time in Congress. Paul's background as an attorney was especially beneficial in assisting constituents in resolving issues with the Office of Personnel Management. Paul was able to guide constituents through the often difficult and bureaucratic process required to resolve their disputes the agency. Many throughout western North Carolina are grateful for Paul's assistance.

Paul should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Paul and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Paul Ford for his hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of St. John Nepomucene Parish of Cleveland, as they celebrate 110 years of worship and service. St. John Nepomucene is one of only two Czech congregations left in the Cleveland Catholic Diocese.

In 1898, 200 Catholic Americans of Czech heritage met at the East 52nd Street home of Frank Stepanik. The gathering, organized by John Jira and Charles Vana, sparked the beginnings of a new parish. In 1902, St. John Nepomucene Parish was established. Parish members were also focused on the welfare of their children. To preserve the culture, history and language of their Eastern European

homeland for their children, members organized again to establish a school. In 1903, St. John Nepomucene School was established, with an enrollment of 300 students.

As immigrants navigated their way through the difficult transition toward assimilation in America, St. John Nepomucene served as a haven of security, faith, support and assistance. As immigrants embraced the freedoms and ideals of their new nation, St. John Nepomucene served as a bridge between two worlds—connecting Fleet Avenue to their homeland across the ocean.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and celebration of the generations of spiritual leaders and parishioners who founded, supported and sustained St. John Nepomucene Church for 110 years. The leaders and members of St. John Nepomucene Parish, past and present, continue their tradition of providing faith and hope to individuals and families throughout Slavic Village.

#### HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL OF PAINTING

#### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the Hudson River School of Painting. The Hudson River School is the first American art movement. Begun in the early 1800s, the movement comprised three themes of American life at the time—discovery, exploration, and settlement. The style originally focused on landscape paintings of the Hudson River Valley and surrounding areas, before expanding to the nearby Catskill, Adirondack, and White Mountain ranges, eventually including locales far outside this narrow slice of upstate New York.

One of the Hudson River School's leading painters, Sanford Robinson Gifford, served in the New York State National Guard's Seventh Regiment during the Civil War. Mustered into service in defense of the Union, the Seventh Regiment's stay while in Virginia inspired Gifford to paint several scenes of the enlisted life. One of these paintings, "Bivouac of the Seventh Regiment, Arlington Heights, Virginia," captures a scene at the heart of Virginia's 8th Congressional District.

The legacy of the Hudson River School, however, is much greater than the paintings hanging on museum and gallery walls across the nation. These paintings, depicting historical landscapes across our country, captured the hearts of the American people. The majestic landscapes, seen by millions of Americans, fueled an interest in the conservation movement as the public demanded that many of the sites depicted by the Hudson River School be preserved for future generations. This conservation movement quickly led to the establishment of the first national park in 1872, giving rise to the creation of the National Park Service in 1916. Hundreds of millions of visitors travel, explore, and enjoy these parks every year.

Adding to the legacy of the Hudson River School is New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. This landmark cultural institution was established with the help of artists from the Hud-

son River School of Painting, including Mr. Gifford. In addition to donating time, funds, and some paintings, these Hudson River School artists served as trustees and committee members.

Mr. Speaker, the impact of the Hudson River School is much greater than simply beautiful paintings of the mountainous river valley in New York. Its legacy can be found in our National Park system, our commitment to conservation and in our museums and cultural institutions enjoyed and appreciated by Americans all over the country.

#### SUPPORTING OUR CLOSEST ALLY, ISRAEL

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, this week and even today Israel's terrorist enemies massively escalated their rocket attacks on our country's closest ally, Israel—Hamas has fired its rockets at large cities whose population has not been under attack for decades, including Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, the latter of which had never been subject to rocket attack. Sadly, three people have been killed.

Words cannot express the inhumanity and barbarity of these rocket attacks. The number of Israelis who live under daily threat of air attack has increased exponentially: more than a third of Israel's population lives in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area alone, which was last under rocket fire during the first Gulf War.

This is the moment for America to send a clear message: Hamas's rocket attacks are completely and totally unacceptable and unjustified and intolerable, their escalation even more so. The Israeli government has not only the right but the duty to defend its people. I want to recognize and applaud Israel for vigorously doing so, and for taking every reasonable precaution to avoid civilian casualties. I want to remind my colleagues that Hamas's goal is not to avoid civilian casualties, but to initiate conflict that will cause it, so that all the people killed, whether Israeli or Palestinian, are in fact Hamas's victims. Our hearts and prayers go out to their families.

#### HONORING WHITNEY MITCHELL

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my team is second to none in providing the best assistance to all in our District. My Washington, D.C. office is also tasked with researching, processing, analyzing, and making recommendations on an infinite number of reports, policies, and legislation. I could not ask for a more talented or dedicated team, and I take great pride in the work that each staff member has done not only on my behalf, but

also on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina and the United States.

My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship they have shown me during my six years of service in the Congress.

Whitney Mitchell has been an invaluable asset to my office since joining our team in February of 2009. Whitney's talents as a skilled and effective communicator were quickly recognized and rewarded with a series of promotions, ultimately achieving Press Secretary and Communications Director status. Few individuals on Capitol Hill have so effortlessly and skillfully developed a political acumen as sharp as Whitney's, or mastered the complexities of political nuance and communication as she has. Marking Whitney's strengths further still, she is also responsible for a broad portfolio of legislative issues for which she has proven her ability to rapidly research and synthesize voluminous amounts of information while also successfully reinterpreting complicated information into clearer, more comprehensible parts, the latter a critical skill to effectively communicate policy to our various constituent groups. In all, Whitney has been a trusted, loyal and exceptional member of my staff.

Whitney should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with Whitney and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Whitney and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Whitney Mitchell for her hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and the United States and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

#### HONORING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK OF MORRIS COUNTY

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County, Morristown, New Jersey as they celebrate their 120th Anniversary this year.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick is a national network of social organizations of men of Irish ancestry and affinity. Each local organization takes an active role in their community preserving the Irish history and heritage of its members while also participating in acts of charity. The purpose of each local Sons of St. Patrick organization is to provide an opportunity for Irish-Americans to meet in a spirit of comradeship for the common purpose of promoting, cultivating, celebrating and preserving interest in Irish arts, literature, history and culture.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County was founded in the spirit of the first truly American St. Patrick's Day celebration



which was held at George Washington's camp at Jockey Hollow, Morristown in 1780. Since that day, the Irish have continued to play an important role in Morris County's social, economic and political fabric.

Originally founded on March 14, 1892, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County have aimed to create a social group for the large community of Irish-Americans within Morris County while also assisting the county's neediest residents through charitable works. With 300 members today, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County is open to all men of Irish descent, the group is non-political and non-sectarian.

The Friendly Sons meet monthly to promote faith, heritage and fellowship, they are noted for their charity work including the annual Morris County St. Patrick's Day Parade. Organized by their membership, the parade is attended by over 50,000 people and raises over \$10,000 for local charities, including Employment Horizons and Cheshire House. The Friendly Sons have also been integral in the recognition and preservation of several historically important Irish-American buildings and sites throughout New Jersey and New York.

The mission and work of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County has made the group an important asset to Morris County. Their continued support of local charities and preservation of Irish-American history and heritage are to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County as they celebrate their 120th Anniversary.

#### AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

#### HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 811, supporting the goals and ideals of American Education Week, which this year celebrates its 91st annual observance. As a proud father of two children enrolled in public schools and a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee, I recognize the critical role public schools play in providing our young people the intellectual and practical skills necessary to become functioning and productive members of our society.

American Education Week, to be recognized from November 11 through November 17, 2012, provides our Nation the opportunity to recognize the importance of public education and honor those individuals who each and every day strive to provide a quality education to every child. Each day of this week features a special observance dedicated to five critically important groups within the public education sphere. Specifically, armed service veterans (especially student and teacher veterans), parents, education support professionals, educators, and substitute educators, as well as the countless individuals who devote their time to our public schools but are not mentioned here, should be all recognized and honored for their hard work and the services they provide to our Nation's youth.

Today, I express my strong support for American Education Week and encourage all

schools, teachers and staff, universities, and citizens to recognize this occasion as well. I support the resolution and ask my colleagues to please do the same.

#### REP. BARLETTA STANDS WITH ISRAEL

#### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with our friends in Israel.

We've recently seen Hamas, the Palestinian terrorist organization, target Israeli cities with large civilian populations, like Tel Aviv. Since last Wednesday, more than 500 rockets have been fired at Israel generally targeting schools, playgrounds, homes, and other civilian targets. Innocent civilians trying to live in peace are purposely placed in the middle of the violence. This ratchets up the conflict, and brings both sides to the brink of a dangerous confrontation. Israel has the right to defend itself, particularly when its civilian population is directly targeted by Hamas. Americans must stand with Israel as it confronts these terrorists.

Mr. Speaker, I condemn the evil actions of Hamas, and I pray for the safety of all innocent civilians caught in the middle of this escalating violence.

#### HONORING SHELLEY TOWNLEY

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

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Shelley Townley has served as member of my District staff since the fall of my first term. Shelley's work in constituent services has been invaluable to thousands across western North Carolina as they attempted to navigate the often difficult processes of the U.S. Department of State and Immigration Services. I cannot count the number of times people have stopped me and thanked me for the work she did in expediting their passport application to make sure they were able to attend that special family vacation or participate in a mission trip to help others abroad.

Shelley should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with her and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Shelley and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Shelley Townley for her hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

#### IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY LAINO AND SAFAR SHAFINOORI—VICTIMS OF SUPERSTORM SANDY

#### HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. Tragically, two constituents from my congressional district perished due to Superstorm Sandy hitting the New York area. While unfortunately many people lost property, or lost power due to Sandy, we cannot forget that many people and their families lost much, much more: they lost their lives and their loved ones. These people were just in the wrong place at the wrong time—a minute or two earlier or later, a foot or two closer or farther—and perhaps their lives would not have been tragically cut short. They were our neighbors, our friends, our brothers, our sisters; they were part of our community.

Anthony Laino was in his home in Flushing, waiting out the storm in his bedroom when a tree fell onto his home, taking his life. Tony, as his friends and family called him, was only 30 years old and a graduate student at St. John's University. He had his whole life to live; friends and family described Tony as larger than life, a "pillar of Flushing." His family and friends will truly miss him as they grapple with their unspeakable loss.

Safar Shafinoori of Roslyn was just moving his car. Just as any of us would have that night of the storm. Heartbreakingly, a falling tree struck and killed him. My heart goes out to Mr. Shafinoori's family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of colleagues join me and rise in remembrance of Anthony Laino and Safar Shafinoori. They will be missed by their family, friends and our entire community.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, "Mother Church," in Cleveland Ohio.

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church was founded in 1912 by Greek immigrants in the Cleveland area. Since its establishment, it has fostered a strong Greek School program. Following World War II, the Greek population in

Northeast Ohio began to grow and the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation was no longer able to cope with the number of parishioners. The result was four new churches, St. Spyridon, Sts. Constantine and Helen, St. Demetrios and St. Paul. Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church became the Metropolis or "Mother Church" for the new parishes and has brought together the Greater Cleveland Greek American community and Northeast Ohio's Greek American societies.

The centennial celebration of the Mother Church has been led by Fr. Dean Dimon Proistamenos, Fr. Peter Metallinos, Gust Sevastos, Chris Boukis, Pam Petsas, Antoinette Geannesses and Stelios Vitakis. Some of the events that have highlighted this year-long celebration include a Sunday School Reunion, Three Hierarchs Greek Letter's Day, the Tremont Greek Fest, the Centennial Banquet Celebration, and the upcoming Philoptochos Celebration.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing 100 years of service and worship of Cleveland's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

#### HONORING RANDY FLACK

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Randy Flack was the first individual to join me on the campaign trail and to serve as a member of my original District staff team. Randy's friendship and companionship have been a blessing in my life since my college days at the University of Tennessee. Randy has always been ready and willing to do anything I asked and then some more. His knowledge of issues and people in the District has been invaluable to me.

Randy has been so much more than an employee, he is a trusted friend, a counselor and a confidant. Without the support of people like Randy the past six years would have never been possible.

Randy should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish

the memories of serving with Randy and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Randy Flack for his hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE ROSE

#### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a distinguished representative from my home state of North Carolina, Congressman Charlie Rose. Charlie passed away in September at the age of 73 in Albertville, Alabama. Along with many others in this body, I valued him as a mentor and friend, an innovative and effective legislator, and a member who combined international leadership with assiduous attention to agriculture and other North Carolina interests.

Charlie was elected to Congress in 1972 after an early career in law, and he went on to serve North Carolina's 7th Congressional District in the House for 24 years. He ably represented a large district which at the time stretched from Wilmington to Fayetteville. In between those two cities there were farms, and lots of farmers, and Charlie took seriously the hard work of getting around to every community to talk about what he was doing in Congress to help them. He not only took seriously the hard work of explaining legislation to his constituents—he relished it. Charlie was a man with the proverbial "gift of gab." He had insights on important legislation before Congress, but also a way of explaining the complexities that led you to realize his position was the common-sense one.

Even though he may have been more progressive than his constituents on some issues, such as civil rights, they knew that Charlie would look out for them. As the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Charlie forged bipartisan coalitions to help farmers time and time again. As a former Republican colleague recently recalled, "Charlie was a master at building coalitions. A devout Democrat, he worked assiduously, often behind the scenes, with Republicans on matters of consequence."

Among his colleagues, Charlie was a favorite. He had a great sense of humor and could deliver a punch line with natural comedic timing. But he wasn't just fun to be around. Charlie worked hard, and he devoted much time and effort to the workings of this institution. As the chairman of the House Administration Committee, Charlie acquired the nickname "the Mayor of Capitol Hill" for running a tight ship and attending to detail. "He hears the soup is bad in the kitchen, he goes in the kitchen with a spoon to find out why," a colleague told the Washington Post. "You feel he's on your problem, no matter what it is. And you're grateful."

Charlie had an abiding fascination with technology and was instrumental in ushering in such innovations as live television coverage of House proceedings and computerized record keeping. Today we take websites, twitter, and

social media for granted, but this heightened engagement with constituents started with Charlie's efforts to make the work of the People's House more transparent and more inclusive.

Charlie was of great help to me when I joined him in the House in 1987. He made certain I was warmly welcomed, gave much savvy advice, and especially encouraged my growing involvement in foreign affairs. Charlie's work with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly was not as well known as his other endeavors, but it was important to him and important to the organization. He organized our delegations to Assembly meetings very effectively, and I greatly enjoyed helping him gain election as Assembly President in 1991. It was instructive to see how little he altered his down-home style in dealing with European notables—and how well it worked!

Shortly before leaving Congress in 1997, Charlie married Stacye Hefner, the daughter of our beloved North Carolina colleague, Representative Bill Hefner. They had a wonderful life together in DC and, in recent years, Alabama. Charlie is also survived by a brother and sister and five children, Charles, Louise, Kelly, Parker, and Joseph. To all of them we express our sympathy and good wishes, and our admiration for a life dedicated to public service.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF ST. COLMAN PARISH

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of St. Colman Parish as they gather to celebrate the November 23 feast day of St. Colman of Cloyne and honor the trades that built their historic church and community.

Born in Ireland, St. Colman converted to Christianity at the age of 52. Being quite devout, he quickly became a priest and later a bishop, establishing monasteries all over Ireland. St. Colman of Cloyne Cathedral in Cobh, County Cork, Ireland sits high above the harbor from which most late 19th and early 20th century emigrants departed. The cathedral is likely the last thing they saw of their home country. How reassuring it was to those immigrants who made their way to Northeast Ohio and found their new St. Colman Parish to be a welcoming place for worship, education, community celebrations and comfort.

Founded in 1880, construction began on the current church building in 1914. With skill, talent and dedication, the men and women in the building and construction trades completed the beautiful landmark St. Colman Church in 1918. Established in 1912, their Construction and Building Trades Council was responsible for some of Northeast Ohio's most beautiful structures. St. Colman Parish, in addition to the celebration of St. Colman's feast day, is also recognizing the contributions of the Construction and Building Trades Council to the City of Cleveland throughout the past 100 years and honoring Executive Secretary, Loree Soggs, who is retiring this year.

Pastor Bob Begin and the parishioners of St. Colman are very giving to those in need. Annually, parishioners donate approximately

\$40,000 to prevent evictions; provide housing; help to prevent utility disconnections; provide bus passes to work or school; pay for tuition and books and distribute school supplies. The funds also assist with obtaining birth certificates and state IDs, medical prescriptions, clothing and uniforms for new jobs and many other emergencies. Church volunteers dedicate their time to serving meals and to teaching computer, literacy, GED classes and English classes for immigrants and refugees.

The celebration will be held on November 3, 2012 and will be co-celebrated by Fr. Jim O'Donnell and Fr. Bob Begin, with Bishop Anthony Pilla delivering the homily.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing St. Colman Parish as they gather to celebrate St. Colman's feast day and honor Cleveland's construction and building trades.

#### HONORING SEAN O'BRIEN

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my team is second to none in providing the best assistance to all in our District. My Washington, D.C. office is also tasked with researching, processing, analyzing, and making recommendations on an infinite number of reports, policies, and legislation. I could not ask for a more talented or dedicated team, and I take great pride in the work that each staff member has done not only on my behalf, but also on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina and the United States.

My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Sean O'Brien served as a member of my Washington, D.C. staff as my first Legislative Director. When I entered Congress, Sean led the office in navigating the intricacies of this complex and parliamentary institution. Sean's legislative experience proved to be invaluable, and he taught the staff how to effectively and successfully do their jobs. Sean was critical in helping me shape my legislative agenda, a particularly challenging demand for any freshman Member. Appreciation for Sean's abilities did not end in our office—he was well known for his comedic talents all through the Capitol's corridors and was often called upon by other Members of Congress in need of assistance writing humorous speeches.

Sean should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Sean and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Sean O'Brien for

his hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

#### TRIBUT TO: MRS. HELEN JACOBSON

#### HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Helen Jacobson, an inspiring woman of service, and a dear friend. Mrs. Jacobson lived to be 104 years old and spent her lifetime helping others.

In addition to living a full life as a beloved family member and friend, she was also an advocate for civil rights and women's equality. Helen Jacobson was involved with UNICEF, the United Negro College Fund, the South Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice, Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children, and the Cancer Therapy and Research Center, as well as many other organizations. She used her resources to touch many different lives, and during the fight for civil liberties in the 1950s and 60s, she used her power as a San Antonio Library Board Member to ensure that public libraries remained unsegregated.

The commitment and service of Helen Jacobson will affect generations of citizens, and her memory will not be forgotten. She impacted this world, and sought to better the lives of the less fortunate and the down-trodden. Once again, I ask my colleagues to join with me in remembering and recognizing a wonderful woman and the contributions she made to our great nation.

#### HONORING CORNING-PAINTED POST EAST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

#### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Spc. Ryan Jayne and express my sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Spc. Ryan Jayne, a 2008 graduate of Corning-Painted Post East High School, joined the Army in 2010 and was deployed to Afghanistan in March 2012. Jayne was killed in Afghanistan November 3, 2012 at the age of 22. His service to our country led to the ultimate sacrifice and for that, we are eternally grateful.

Jayne was one of three upstate New York servicemen who were identified by the Department of Defense as those killed when a roadside bomb struck their vehicle. The other two were identified as Spc. Brett E. Gorniewicz and Staff Sgt. Dain Venne.

We are here today in an open society because of Ryan Jayne. He represents the best of the Southern Tier and the United States. While we are all poorer for the loss of Ryan, he has given something to all of us. Ryan paid the highest price so that the idea of freedom for all people will continue to move forward.

We must always remember Ryan and all those who have fallen in defense of freedom. We keep Ryan's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

#### HONORING HAYDEN ROGERS

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship they have shown me during my six years of service in the Congress.

Hayden Rogers has been my closet advisor and most trusted confidant from the very beginning of our first campaign in 2006. He has successfully led my team through three campaigns and three sessions of Congress.

Hayden is from Robbinsville, North Carolina, in the next county over from where I grew up. Throughout his time as my Chief of Staff and Campaign Manager, Hayden remained true to the values we learned growing up in the mountains and could always be depended on as the voice of reason. Moreover, Hayden is without question one of the most intelligent and skillful professional and entrepreneurial individuals I have had the pleasure of working with. All who meet him make a friend of him, and I consider it a privilege to call him one of my closest and dearest friends.

A loyal, honorable and steadfast companion, Hayden has been there for the good times and the bad and right at my side through our toughest battles. If not for Hayden, I would not have been able to achieve all that I had during my three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am incredibly grateful for the leadership he has provided me, and I look forward to many more years of continued friendship.

Hayden should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Hayden and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Hayden Rogers for his hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

TEXAS STATE SENATOR MARIO  
GALLEGOS, JR.

### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2012*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Texas State Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr. For many years, we have worked side by side to help improve the quality of life for many people around the Houston area. He was a champion for education and Latino rights, along with many other numerous issues. Senator Gallegos passed away on October 16th, and the Houston Chronicle printed his obituary. In honor of Senator Gallegos, I would like to submit the text.

State Sen. Mario Gallegos, 62, a Democratic lawmaker whose 22-year career in the Texas Legislature was marked by courage, controversy and dogged commitment to issues of importance to the Hispanic community, died Tuesday afternoon at Methodist Hospital in Houston from complications of liver disease.

Gallegos, the first Hispanic elected to the state Senate from Harris County, took a special interest in public education, redistricting and other issues he believed would have an effect on the lives of the predominantly working-class residents in Senate District 6.

In 2007, only weeks after undergoing a liver transplant, a sick and weakened Gallegos ignored a doctor's call to return to Houston and installed a hospital bed in the office of the Senate sergeant-at-arms so he could cast his vote against a bill requiring voters to show photo identification. Gallegos argued the bill would discriminate against minority voters.

In 2011, Gallegos opposed a measure sponsored by state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, requiring women seeking an abortion to undergo a sonogram. Gallegos told his fellow senators that although he opposed abortion, he didn't believe he should impose legislative restrictions on a woman about "how to govern her body."

"There were few issues that Mario and I agreed upon," Patrick said, "but throughout my six years in the state Senate he always treated me with kindness and courtesy and professionalism. And he was a friend."

State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, described Gallegos as "a man of matchless generosity who worked tirelessly for his district. I've never known anyone who fought harder for the underdog—for the most vulnerable in our state."

Mario Valentin Gallegos Jr. was born in Houston on Sept. 8, 1950, and grew up in Magnolia Park, an East End neighborhood near the Ship Channel. He graduated from Milby High School and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Houston-Downtown in 2001.

Gallegos joined the Houston Fire Department at 18 and served for 22 years, rising to the rank of senior captain. His involvement in union affairs as a firefighter whetted his interest in politics.

"As a union member working with (former Houston City Councilman) Ben Reyes, he fell in love with politics," said Marc Campos, a Houston political consultant who met Gallegos in 1979. "He made a number of trips to Austin to lobby for firefighter issues."

In 1990, Gallegos was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, where he served for two terms before being elected to the state Senate in 1994. Never a legislative tactician or policy expert, Gallegos was a reliable liberal vote on most issues.

Suffering from cirrhosis of the liver a few months later, he received last rites and made plans for his body to be displayed near the Capitol Rotunda before being transported to his grave in a fire truck.

With about a month to live, he received a phone call on Jan. 18, 2007, informing him that the unexpected death of a teenage boy meant he would get a liver transplant.

Sworn in as president pro tempore later that year, he told his colleagues that he intended to run for office until he died.

Survivors include his mother, Olga Gallegos; his wife, Theresa Gallegos; three children, Ali Templer, Melissa Gallegos and Mario Elias Gallegos; four sisters and two brothers; and five grandchildren.

who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my staff is second to none in providing the best assistance to everyone in our District. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Each District Staff member has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of each and every one of our constituents. They often go well beyond the call to make sure each constituent is treated fairly and respectfully by our government agencies and that they receive appropriate resolution. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Sandy Zimmerman has served as a member of my District staff since May of 2007. Sandy has provided valuable assistance to individuals living in the far western counties of our District. Often times in the past these individuals have felt overlooked and forgotten because of their remote location to the rest of the District but Sandy has worked tirelessly to attend meetings and forums and make sure that these valuable members of our community have their voices heard and problems addressed. Sandy has time and again stood in the gap for our Western counties and I have been blessed to call her friend and teammate.

Sandy should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with Sandy and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Sandy and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Sandy Zimmerman for her hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

### HONORING SANDY ZIMMERMAN

### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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